

5 CLAIMS

- 10 1. A testing means for standardized ascertainment of the quality of a washing, cleaning and/or drying operation, **characterized in that** the testing means (1; 21; 31) comprises a two- or three-dimensional article having a carrier element (2; 22; 32) and arranged on the article in a defined density are particles (4; 24; 34) detachable from the article by
15 physical and/or chemical exposure.
2. The testing means of claim 1, **characterized in that** the particles (4; 24; 34) are applied by means of a connection agent to the carrier element (2; 22; 32).
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3. The testing means of claim 1, **characterized in that** the particles (4) and the article are designed in a single piece.
4. The testing means of claim 3, **characterized in that** an intended-breakage point is provided between the particle (4) and the article.
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5. The testing means of at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the particles (4; 24; 34) consist of plastic.
- 30 6. The testing means of any one of claims 1-4, **characterized in that** the particles (4; 24; 34) have defined sizes of, alternatively, egg white, blood,

ketchup or other foodstuffs or foodstuff-like substances.

7. The testing means of at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the particles (34) are covered on one side with a carrier element (32) which is detachable from the particles (34) and on their other side with a carrier film (35) which is detachable from the particles (34).

8. The testing means of claim 7, **characterized in that**, on the side pointing toward the carrier film (35), the particles (34) are provided with an adhesive for attachment to the article to be cleaned.

9. The testing means of at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that** the carrier element (2; 22; 32) is freely formable and can be cured in virtually any desired embodiment in order to form two- or three-dimensional articles.

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